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LPPD secures State Grant for increased DWI enforcement

The La Porte Police Department continues their increased traffic enforcement efforts thanks to ongoing assistance from a TXDOT Impaired Driving Mobilization grant. The targeted phases of enforcement for 2012 include the current Spring Break period (March 10 - 18), Independence Day week (June 30 and July 1 - 8) and the week of Labor Day (Aug 19 - Sept 5). Under this grant, a number of additional LPPD officers will be deployed during each of the above holiday periods to specifically watch for impaired drivers operating on local roadways. Any one operating a vehicle and suspected of being intoxicated will be arrested and have their vehicle impounded. Suspected intoxicated drivers who refuse to provide a breath test will be the subject of a search warrant and will have their blood mandatorily drawn for blood alcohol level testing.

All of TXDOT's S.T.E.P. (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) campaigns are designed to reduce both motor vehicle accidents and the residual effects incurred by motorists. The programs have consistently proven to reduce injuries, fatalities and property damage along major thoroughfares and high-collision/high-density intersections. Residents are reminded to drive safely, while taking comfort in knowing additional traffic enforcement officers are monitoring local roadways in an effort to increase the level of safety. For more information on La Porte Police Department's involvement in the States various S.T.E.P. programs, please contact the agency at 281-842-3167.